

Council – 10 October 2022

AMENDMENTS TO MOTIONS ON NOTICE

The Council is requested to consider the following amendments submitted in accordance with Standing Order 13.3

MOTION No. 1 – COST OF LIVING CRISIS AND FAIR FUNDING FOR WIRRAL COUNCIL

Amendment

**Proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist
Seconded by Councillor Allan Brame**

Insert after final paragraph:

‘The letter should be accompanied by the table presented to Leaders on 22 September 2022 which clearly set out how Officers had tracked the pressures facing the Council throughout August and September, along with sufficient commentary on the pressures, to fully and properly make the case for a settlement that recognises local needs.’

MOTION No. 2 – PROTECTING WIRRAL’S GREEN BELT

Amendment

**Proposed by Councillor Orod Osanlou
Seconded by Councillor Stuart Kelly**

Insert after final paragraph:

‘Council expresses its concern over recent speeches by government ministers which, if enacted, pose a threat by the Conservative Government to Wirral green belt land.

Council believes the Conservative Government has broken their 2019 manifesto pledge to maintain the moratorium on fracking, unless proven scientifically to be safe. The resumption of fracking could have irrevocable effects on the environment, including effects upon Wirral’s green belt land. Council requests the Government to stop this damaging policy and reinstate the moratorium on fracking in order to protect Wirral’s green belt.

Council further believes the Conservative Government is breaking another 2019 manifesto pledge to protect the green belt by proposing the relaxation of planning policies, including in ‘investment zones’ (within which habitat regulations may be less enforceable), which will facilitate development within Wirral Greenbelt without adequate regulation. Council therefore calls on the Government to cease this damaging policy that will result in the permanent loss of green belt land during a

climate emergency, and which is contrary to the aim of the draft Wirral Local Plan to protect the green belt.’

MOTION No. 3 - ENERGY EFFICIENCY / RESIDENTIAL

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Liz Grey

Seconded by Councillor Sue Powell Wilde

In first bullet point, delete line “- over 1-4 households in Bidston and St James ward (25.2%) compared to 1 in 12 in Heswall ward (8.3%) (1)”

Before the last paragraph, insert:

‘Council recognises that no adequate retrofit of insulation is possible without adequate Government funding, and that in 2013 David Cameron axed the home insulation and renewable energy funding established by the previous Labour Government, thereby reducing loft insulation rates by 92% and cavity wall insulation rates by 74% almost overnight, depriving thousands of people warm homes and lower bills as well as failing to reduce associated greenhouse gas emissions. In fact, a study by Carbon Brief in January 2022 has suggested that this move is currently costing £2.5 billion a year for UK Households.’

In the last paragraph to delete ‘To support this, Council asks...’ and replace with ‘Council recognises that national changes are needed but, in the meantime, asks officers to work with...’

MOTION No. 6 – SUPPORT FOR LOCAL GREEN SPACES

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Paul Martin

Seconded by Councillor Paul Stuart

Insert new paragraph after paragraph 2: ‘Council notes the work of various officers and their continued co-operation with elected members during this time.’

MOTION No. 6 – SUPPORT FOR LOCAL GREEN SPACES

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Naomi Graham

Seconded by Councillor Pat Cleary

Insert at end: ‘Council also notes the policies in the local plan that protect our open space, our green & blue infrastructure networks, ecological networks, nature conservation and environmental designations and thanks all residents and community groups that support those sites.’

MOTION No. 7 – STOP THE ATTACKS ON OUR COUNTRYSIDE AND NATURE

Amendment

**Proposed by Councillor Jason Walsh
Seconded by Councillor Harry Gorman**

Insert new penultimate paragraph: 'Council acknowledges that despite the government's determination to take us back to 1970s levels of environmental protection, we are in a biodiversity and climate emergency. We remain committed to achieving Carbon Net Zero Borough-wide no later than 2041 and will continue to make planning and other decisions with this in mind'

MOTION No. 8 – STOP FRACKING

Amendment

**Proposed by Councillor Naomi Graham
Seconded by Councillor Harry Gorman**

Insert new paragraph number 7, after the paragraph ending with "nor the disregard for the climate emergency": 'Council restates its opposition to all unconventional gas extraction including underground coal gasification, coal bed and methane fracking under Wirral, it's offshore waters and Dee and Mersey Estuaries.'